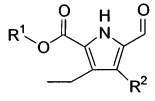
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula I:



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wherein

R^1 is selected from 1) tert-butyl, 2) aryl, 3) heterocyclyl, or 4) C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl; wherein the carbon atoms of the tert-butyl, aryl, heterocyclyl or cycloalkyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from halo, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, CF_3, NH_2, $N(C_1$-C_6 alkyl$)_2$, NO_2, oxo, CN, N_3, -OH, -O(C_1-C_6 alkyl), C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)S(O)$_{0\text{-}2}$-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)S(O)$_{0\text{-}2}$(C_0-C_6 alkyl)-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)C(O)NH-, H_2N-C(NH)-, -O(C_1-C_6 alkyl)CF_3, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)C(O)-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)OC(O)-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)O(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)C(O)$_{1\text{-}2}$(C_0-C_6 alkyl)-, (C_0-C_6 alkyl)OC(O)NH-, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycle, heterocyclylalkyl, halo-aryl, halo-aralkyl, halo-heterocycle, halo-heterocyclylalkyl, cyano-aryl, cyano-aralkyl, cyano-heterocycle or cyano-heterocyclylalkyl;

R^2 is selected from 1) halogen, 2) ~~C_1-C_{10} alkyl, 3)~~ C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, ~~4)~~ 3) phenyl, or ~~5)~~ 4) heterocyclyl selected from pyridyl, benzofuranyl, isoxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, or thienyl; wherein the carbon atoms of said ~~alkyl,~~ alkynyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with one or more of R^3;

R^3 is independently selected from 1) halogen, 2) –OR^4, 3) C_1-C_{10} alkyl, 4) C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, 5) aryl, 6) aralkyl, 7) heterocyclyl, 8) -C(O)R^4, 9) –C(O)OR^4, 10) –CN, or 11) –NO_2; wherein the carbon atoms of said alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl or cycloalkyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from halo, C_1-C_{20} alkyl, CF_3, NH_2, $N(C_1$-C_6 alkyl$)_2$, NO_2, oxo, CN, N_3, -OH, -O(C_1-C_6 alkyl), C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, (C_0-C_6

alkyl) S(O)$_{0-2}$-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)S(O)$_{0-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)NH-, H$_2$N-C(NH)-, -O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)CF$_3$, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)$_{1-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)NH-, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycle, heterocyclylalkyl, halo-aryl, halo-aralkyl, halo-heterocycle, halo-heterocyclylalkyl, cyano-aryl, cyano-aralkyl, cyano-heterocycle or cyano-heterocyclylalkyl;

R^4 is independently selected from 1) hydrogen, 2) C$_1$-C$_{10}$ alkyl, 3) C$_2$-C$_{10}$ alkenyl, 4) C$_2$-C$_{10}$ alkynyl, 5) aryl, or 6) heterocyclyl; wherein the carbon atoms of the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from halo, C$_1$-C$_{20}$ alkyl, CF$_3$, NH$_2$, N(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)$_2$, NO$_2$, oxo, CN, N$_3$, -OH, -O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl), C$_3$-C$_{10}$ cycloalkyl, C$_2$-C$_6$ alkenyl, C$_2$-C$_6$ alkynyl, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl) S(O)$_{0-2}$-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)S(O)$_{0-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)NH-, H$_2$N-C(NH)-, -O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)CF$_3$, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)$_{1-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)NH-, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycle, heterocyclylalkyl, halo-aryl, halo-aralkyl, halo-heterocycle, halo-heterocyclylalkyl, cyano-aryl, cyano-aralkyl, cyano-heterocycle or cyano-heterocyclylalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein

R^1 is tert-butyl, and the carbon atoms of said tert-butyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from halo, C$_1$-C$_{20}$ alkyl, CF$_3$, NH$_2$, N(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)$_2$, NO$_2$, oxo, CN, N$_3$, -OH, -O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl), C$_3$-C$_{10}$ cycloalkyl, C$_2$-C$_6$ alkenyl, C$_2$-C$_6$ alkynyl, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl) S(O)$_{0-2}$-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)S(O)$_{0-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)NH-, H$_2$N-C(NH)-, -O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)CF$_3$, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)O(C$_1$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)C(O)$_{1-2}$(C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)-, (C$_0$-C$_6$ alkyl)OC(O)NH-, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycle, heterocyclylalkyl, halo-aryl, halo-aralkyl, halo-heterocycle, halo-heterocyclylalkyl, cyano-aryl, cyano-aralkyl, cyano-heterocycle or cyano-heterocyclylalkyl;

R^2 is selected from 1) halogen, 2) C$_2$-C$_{10}$ alkynyl, 3) phenyl, and 4) heterocyclyl selected from pyridyl, benzofuranyl, isoxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, or thienyl;

wherein the carbon atoms of said alkynyl, phenyl, and heterocyclyl are optionally substituted with one or more of R^3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 2,

wherein

R^2 is halogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from

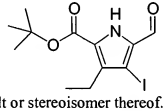
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(1-benzofuran-2-yl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(5-formyl-2-furyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
di(tert-butyl) 4'-ethyl-2'-formyl-1H,1'H-2,3'-bipyrrole-1,5'-dicarboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-formylthien-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
~~ethyl 3,4-diethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;~~
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-[4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(3-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;

tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(5-methyl-2-furyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(3-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-thien-3-yl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-thien-2-yl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or stereoisomer thereof.

5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

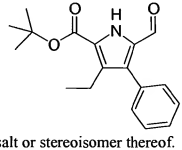
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

6. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

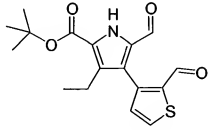
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

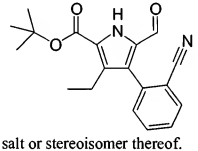
tert-butyl 3-ethyl-5-formyl-4-(2-formylthien-3-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

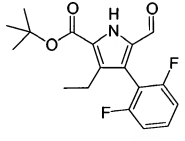
tert-butyl 4-(2-cyanophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

9. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 that is

tert-butyl 4-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-3-ethyl-5-formyl-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxylate



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

10. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance with Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) A method of treating cancer in a mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

19. (Cancelled)